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This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Between 5 June and 9 July 1955, no air activity was observed on the following days: 5, 6, 7, 10 to 13, 19, 26, and 30 June. On the other days, except on 3 and 4 July, air activity was observed at the field. Some Po-2s and 1 Yak-14 repeatedly made practice flights, the IL-10s practiced local flying in small formations heading southeast. The latter flights lasted about 30 minutes. A total of 62 IL-10s were observed parked at the field on 16 June and 52 IL-10 and 3 Po-2s on 8 July.¹

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2. On 2 July, the PKV-45 DF station and 2 umbrella-type antennas were unchanged. A new set consisting of a mast about 15 meters high with a crook-shaped device about 20 in radius at the masthead has been observed about 50 meters east of the DF station since 24 June 1955. Anchoring wires braced the mast at a point 5 to 7 meters above the ground.²

3. Six 37-mm AA guns were observed in the northern section of the western edge of the field. Tents for EM were rigged nearby.²

4. It was rumored in the town that children suffering from **whooping** cough would be permitted to fly in an IL-2 temporarily stationed at the field. This promise was made to a dentist from Brandenburg whose daughter was ill. Later, however, the promise was cancelled since the dentist was neither a member of the Society for German-Soviet Friendship nor of the SED.

5. On 9 June, truck and sedan both with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, were seen moving in the town. Motor vehicles observed on 30 June included tank truck and trucks the latter three with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets.

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6. Air activity was conducted at the airfield on the following days:

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June: 18, 22, 23, 27, to 30

July: 1 to 5, 7, 8, 10, 12 to 16, and 18 to 21.

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Single and formation flights were made by IL-10s which repeatedly included aircraft A total of 37 IL-10s including 4 without

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[redacted] On 21 July, 37 IL-10s,

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[redacted] were parked in the northeastern corner and in front of the hangars.

7. The following air activity was observed at the field between 20 June and 21 July:

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24, 27, 28 June, 4, 7, 9 and 14 July. Single and formation flying by IL-10s. On 24 June, a Li-2 landed at the field.

28 June. The Li-2 that had landed on 24 June practiced taking off, landing, and flying to the east.

21 July. Practice flying by 3 Po-2s.

A total of 36, 38 or 40 IL-10 aircraft were parked at the field on the following days: 20, 21, 24, 25 June and 9 and 17 July. Of these aircraft 12 were mostly parked in a row at the western edge, 14 in 2 rows in the northeastern corner, 10 in a row west of the flight-control station, and 4 just south of the middle hangar.¹

8. The following vehicular traffic was observed:

on 25 June, tank truck [redacted] was seen at the field. Motor vehicles which moved from the ~~Infanterie~~ Kaserne to the Pionier Kaserne and from the airfield to Brandenburg included:

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sedan [redacted] } with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets
truck [redacted] }
truck [redacted] }

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Vehicular traffic in the town included:

truck [redacted] } with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets
truck [redacted] }
truck [redacted] } with civilian driver
sedan [redacted] } occupied by captain wearing black-bordered blue epaulets

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9. The following observations were made in the Infanterie Kaserne:

the installation was still occupied by air-force personnel. Army soldiers were no longer seen there. It was repeatedly observed that food stuff was transferred from railroad cars on trucks that moved to the Infanterie Kaserne. It was assumed that the barracks installation housed an air-force headquarters which also was the supply service headquarters for the subordinate units. On 19 July, rations were unloaded by air-force soldiers from 3 railroads cars at Altstadt railroad station and subsequently trucked to the Infanterie Kaserne. On 21 July, 3 command cars were being loaded. One major,² other officers, 6 to 8 EM, all wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, and truck [redacted] were observed at the site.⁴

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10. An AA gun emplacement with 5 x 37-mm AA guns was observed on the northern edge of the field. Eight tents, each about 4 meters square, were rigged nearby. The AA gun emplacement had been included in the field area by shifting the fence. Four 37-mm AA guns were observed on the western edge of the field.²

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1.  Comment. Brandenburg - Industriehafen airfield is still occupied by a ground-attack regiment equipped with about 40 IL-10s. The aircraft reportedly parked at the field on 16 June and 8 July presumably included IL-10s from another airfield which were temporarily stationed in Brandenburg - Industriehafen.
2.  Comment. For sketch of new radio set, see Annex.
3.  Comment. Two batteries of 37-mm AA guns are presumably located at the field.
4.  Comment. Efforts will be made to clarify if the ration supply unit of the GA Corps of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army, previously located in Doeberitz, has been transferred to the Infanterie Kaserne.

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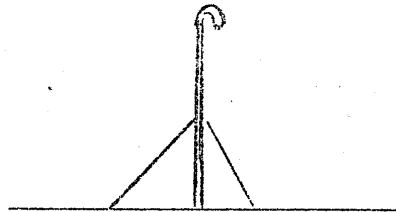
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Annex



New Radio Set Observed at Brandenburg-Industriehafen Airfield

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